

afflictions from hunger and poverty, yet he never wavered in his faith. He was buried by the side of his good wife Ann only six months after her death.

After John's death, Aunt Bella gave up the home and went to live with her daughter, Katie Hicken, where she could live more comfortably. John, knowing the laws of the land did not recognize Aunt Bella as his lawful wife, made ample provisions for her in his will. He also made provision in his will that each of his children, by both wives, was to share alike in his property. His son Joseph A. was appointed administrator of his estate, and each of the children received about \$900.00. There was no dissension or controversy in the settlement, as each felt the property had been fairly and equally divided.

Some may query in their minds as to whether a man could have the same love and affection for a plural wife as his first wife and whether she would have the same love for him. After John's death Aunt Bella was heard to say that if she could have the choice of all the men in the world, she would choose John Murray Murdoch, who had been such a true and faithful husband. Together John, Ann, and Isabella were a noble trio.

Isabella died six years after John on the tenth of April, 1916. All three are laid to rest in the Heber City Cemetery, Wasatch, Utah, until the day of their resurrection. May we all look forward to seeing them again and living forever as a family.



John Murray Murdoch



Ann Steel Murdoch

A term he served in Prison,
 A fine he had to pay--
 A hundred dollars down in cash
 Before he could come away

Now we honor our dear parents
 And the part they had to play,
 Through trials and tribulations
 Until our dying day.

Composed by Catherine Campbell Murdoch Hicken
 August 16, 1921, for the Murdoch reunion.



Isabella Crawford, Ann Steel,
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DESCENDANTS OF VERONICA MURDOCH CALDOW GILES

1 MURDOCH, James 1786-1831 B-Born
 1 MURDOCH, Mary MURRAY, Sp. 1782-1856 M-Married
 D-Died

2 GILES, Veronica MURDOCH Caldow B-16 Jun 1816 D-4 Oct 1908
 2 CALDOW, George, Sp. B-About 1812 M-15 Feb 1839 D-before 1 Aug 1855
 +2 GILES, Thomas, Sp. (2) B-3 Oct 1804 M-3 July 1879 D-1 Jul 1887

3 BAIRD, Mary CALDOW B-28 Jul 1839 D- ?
 3 BAIRD, Sp. B- M- D-alive 1906*

4 NICHOL, Mrs BAIRD B- M- D-alive 1906*
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4 BAIRD, Male B- M- D- (Picture)

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3 CALDOW, George B-17 June 1841 Unmarried 1906 living with brother-in-law Mr. Baird*

3 CALDOW, James B- 7 Jan 1844 M- ? D-alive 1906 living in Mauchline, Scotland*

3 CALDOW, John B-About 1847 M-yes? D-alive 1906 living in Burubank, Scotland a
 widower with a family*

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3 CALDOW, Alexander B-About 1849

3 CALDOW, William B-About 1851 D-1 Aug 1855

3 CALDOW, Thomas B-About 1853

3 CALDOW, Joseph B-About 1855

3 CALDOW, David B-About 1857

*David Lennox Murdoch's "Scottish Missionary
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3 CALDOW, Brigham B-About 1859

3 CALDOW, Nephi B-About 1861

Last seven children were listed as
 dead on 19 September 1890 and sealed
 by Veronica to herself and Thomas
 Giles who was also dead at this time.
 Father, George, listed dead on death
 registration of William 1 Aug 1855?

+ GILES, Thomas B-3 Oct 1804 D-1 Jul 1887
 GILES, Maria KIRKHAM, Sp. (1) B-15 Apr 1807 M-30 May 1832 D-1 Mar 1887

GILES, Thomas Jr. B-21 Jan 1833 D-at sea 1862

GILES, Elizabeth B-25 Dec 1834 D-as a child

GILES, George "M" B- 9 Mar 1840 M-4 Jul 1867 to Mary Elizabeth Mayoh D-7 May 1908

GILES, Elizabeth B-10 Sep 1842 M- to John GILES D-

GILES, William "M" B- 3 Sep 1846 M-5 Jun 1871 to Ann MURDOCH D-30 Apr 1926

(One history says oldest sister stayed in England)

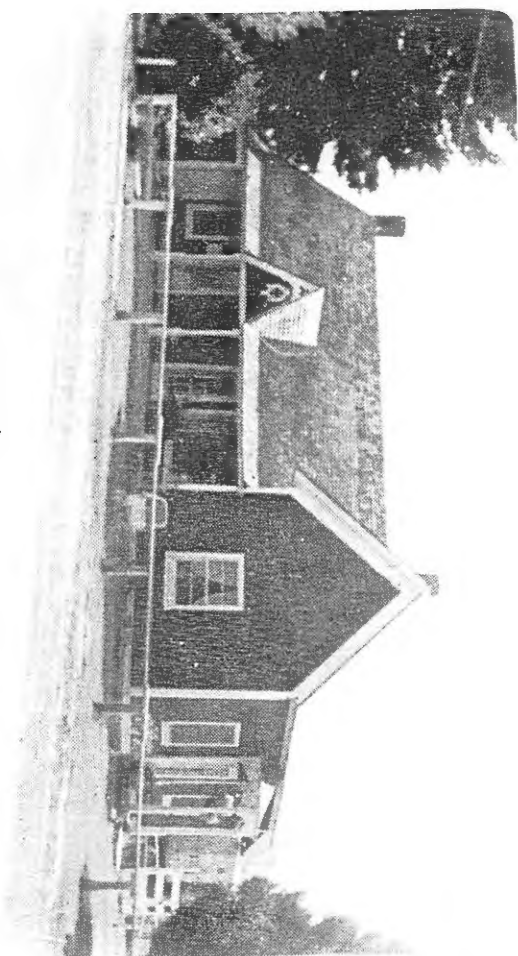
to them en route, at what is now Kansas City, Mo., which at that time was the outfitting place for the emigrants crossing the plains to Utah. In 1862 (Ages 81b) Elder Murdoch married Isabella Crawford, by whom he is the father of seven children. In civil affairs, and in public life generally, Brother Murdoch has always taken a most active part, and has filled many offices of responsibility and trust; thus he served as treasurer of Wasatch county and was county surveyor one term. He has presided over the High Priests' quorum in the Wasatch State since 1877. Prior to that time (Jan., 1861 to 1877) he presided over the High Priests in a more local capacity. He was ordained a Patriarch May 14, 1899, by Apostle Stephen M. Lyman.

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John
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MURDOCK, John Murray, a Patriarch and president of the High Priests quorum of the Wasatch Stake of Zion, Utah, was born Dec. 28, 1821, at Avehinlock, Ayrshire, Scotland, the son of James Murdoch and Mary Murray. He was baptized Nov. 29, 1850, by Thomas Hilly; obtained a Priest in 1851, by Andrew Ferguson; emigrated to Utah in 1852, and resided in Salt Lake City until the time of the "Move" in 1858, when he settled temporarily in Goshen, Utah county, but located permanently in Heber City, Wasatch county, in 1860, where he still resides. He was ordained a High Priest by Bishop Edward Hunter, in Salt Lake City, in 1868, and set apart as first counselor to Bishop Jacob Weller, of the Third Ward. In other respects he has always been a diligent Church worker, and has filled many offices both of an ecclesiastical and civil nature. He participated in the Johnston army campaign in 1877-78, served in the Walker and Black Hawk Indian wars and shared in the privations incident to pioneer life in the early days in Utah. He married his first wife (Ann Steel) Feb. 25, 1848, at Kibbilmuel, Dumfriesshire, Scotland; she bore him fifteen children. At the time of his emigration to Utah, he was accompanied by his wife and two children. A third child, a daughter (Mary), was born LDS Reg. Enyc 2:12-13



John Murray Murdoch
Home by the Heber City, Utah depot
Ann Steel lived here. It was built
after they were required by law to
have separated households. About 1891.